

APPENDIX A

Changes to Claims After Amendment of December 17, 2002

30. (Amended) [The plastic blow-molded barrel according to claim 27, further comprising]
A plastic blow-molded barrel comprising:

a barrel body having a top surface, a bottom surface, and four substantially identically shaped, convex side surfaces, each side surface connected to two adjacent side surfaces at rounded corners, the bottom surface and four side surfaces having a unitary construction;

a horizontal stiffening element that is formed as an indentation, located between said top surface and bottom surface, and runs along a circumference of the barrel body, and

a thickened mold hoop emerging from a radially inner portion of the indentation and extending in a radially outward direction;

wherein the convex side surfaces and the rounded corners impart an approximately square-shaped cross-section to the barrel body.